



Republican Policy Committee

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Accomplishments (to Date) of the 104th Congress

The '94 elections changed everything. When the members of the 104th Congress were sworn in, some old-fashioned virtues suddenly reappeared in the Nation's capital, like Freedom from Government Intrusion and Fiscal Integrity. Government accountability and returning power to the states were revived. And, this Congress is looking ahead as well, by working to assure our nation readies itself for the 21st century. A number of other items were also priorities of this 104th Congress, including helping seniors attain financial security.

Here follows the highlights of the 104th Congress's accomplishments, so far:

Regaining Freedom from an Over-Intrusive Uncle Sam.

- \$245 Billion in Middle-Class Tax Cuts, including \$500/child credit, and pro-growth and small business tax relief and elimination of marriage penalty [vetoed]
- \$5,000 Adoption Tax Credit [H.R. 2491 vetoed; H.R. 3448 expected to be sent to the President soon]
- Health Care Reform (with Medical Savings Accounts) and tax deduction for self-employed [H.R. 3103 expected to be sent to the President soon]
- Small Business Tax Relief [H.R. 3448 expected to be sent to the President soon]
- Taxpayer's Bill of Rights [PL 104-168]

Restoring Fiscal Integrity.

- An Honest 7-Year Balanced Budget [vetoed]
- Line-Item Veto Act [P.L. 104-130]
- Cut FY95 Spending a net \$9.3 billion; cut FY96 spending some \$23 billion

Assuring Security for Americans at Home and Around the Globe.

- Preserved America's National Defense by stopping Clinton's devastating defense cuts
- Set Deployment Dates for Crucial Missile Defense Programs and increased resources for a national missile defense system [H.R. 3230, in conference]
- Anti-Terrorism Legislation [PL 104-132]
- Law Enforcement Block Grants/ Truth in Sentencing [P.L. 104-134]
- Effective Death Penalty Reform [P.L. 104-132]
- Megan's Law (Sexual Crimes Against Children Act) [P.L. 104-145]
- Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act [vetoed]

Making Government More Efficient, and Returning Power to the States.

- National Highway System Designation Act, included repeal of the federal mandatory 55 mph national speed limit law [P.L. 104-59]
- Welfare Reform [H.R. 4 vetoed; H.R. 2491 vetoed; H.R. 3734 sent to the President]
- Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments [soon to be sent to the President]

Moving Our Nation into the 21st Century.

- Telecommunications Reform [P.L. 104-104]
- Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act [P.L. 104-127]
- Private Securities Litigation Reform [veto overridden: P.L. 104-67]
- Securities Investment Promotion Act (first major revision of securities regulation since 1933) [in House/Senate conference]
- Product Liability Reform [vetoed]
- Mining Law Reform [vetoed]
- TEAM Act [vetoed]
- Immigration Reform [expected to go to the President shortly]

Achieving Government Accountability.

- Congressional Accountability Act [P.L. 104-1]
- Unfunded Mandates Reform Act [P.L. 104-4]
- Small Business Regulatory Reform (Amendments to Regulatory Flexibility Act) [P.L. 104-121]
- Congressional Review of Regulations [P.L. 104-121]
- Gift Ban [P.L. 104-65]
- Lobby Reform [P.L. 104-65]
- Paperwork Reduction Act [P.L. 104-13]

Helping Seniors to Attain Financial Security.

- Senior Citizens Freedom to Work Act [P.L. 104-121]
- Preserve, Protect and Strengthen Medicare [vetoed]
- Housing for Older Persons Act [P.L. 104-76]
- Expansion of Medicare Select Policies to All States [P.L. 104-18]

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